

DALLAS.

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CITY COUNCIL.

DALLAS, TEX., Sept. 17.—Yesterday's meeting of the city council brought out some very interesting facts regarding the finances of the metropolis. A number of months ago the council plunged into a series of expenditures which many at the time thought reckless, and it now appears that the day of reckoning is dawning.

Some time ago the charge of Alderman Webster that the city was being cheated by the class of work being done by the contractors of the waterworks reservoir caused a ripple of excitement and an investigation was ordered by the council. The result of this investigation has not yet been given to the council in a final report, but the public evidence as given day by day before the committee looks as if Alderman Webster was right and that the taxpayers were paying for what they will not get. Then, in addition to this, another alderman brings in a report of the chairman of the finance committee, which has for its subject the fact that the city has been issuing notes for 250 acres of land, said to be for a great city park, and that in the issuing of these notes another illegal act had been done.

All this has made every one suspicious. Now the other extreme is being reached, and retrenchment is the cry. Alderman Turner, in his speech before the council, gives the following figures:

Notes given by the city, not due.....\$150,114.41
Total on current contracts.....\$109,964.11
Total.....\$260,078.52
Bonded debt.....\$1,518,869.90

Grand total.....\$1,778,947.42
In addition to the above, there is over \$500,000 involved in its litigation in the various courts, and judgments liable to be rendered against the city.

The sinking fund does not exceed \$100,000, and the alderman wishes to know how these debts are to be paid. Some of the aldermen and a large percentage of the citizens are in favor of the reduction of taxation, while others say that it is too late to make the reduction now; that the stopping of the city work would cause too great a reaction.

The following remarks by Alderman Lather will help explain the situation: "The city to-day, he reminded the council, could not pay \$11,000 for the East Dallas waterworks. Take the matter of sewerage, and even on Elm street it is needed expenditure. In the heart of the city water lay stagnant and green. Half the amount of taxation was needed alone for improvements. The people of his ward, which hardly ever asked for anything, came before the council and asked that a block be graded in order that a buggy could be turned in it. Fifty dollars was appropriated and the work has never been done. There was no drainage in the Sixth ward. "Give us proper drainage and sewerage and I am willing to pay an increase of taxes 25 cents. Three or four persons who signed these petitions told me they did not object to the tax, but they had no confidence in the aldermen. They believed some of the taxes escaped into their pockets. [Sensation.] I didn't believe it. It is said that the reduction will be an advertisement of the city. Nothing will advertise your city like good schools, houses, good streets, good churches. I had some of my children sent home because there was no room for them in the schoolroom. Over 500 men and 200 teams have left the city in the last month because public work was stopped. Instead of helping your city you are killing it. Twenty thousand dollars a week should be paid out for improvements. Ninety per cent. of it will come back to your merchants. Every cent spent honestly will be bread upon the waters and come back ten-fold. It is not financing to stop improvement and kill Dallas.

What the end will be is a question too foreign to state now, but the indications are that much time will be consumed before these vexing problems will be solved. The council is going through an ordeal that all such bodies have to pass through, but no one doubts their ability to eventually settle the questions to the satisfaction of all and to the advantage of the city's future prosperity.

COMPROMISED.
The suit of John H. Allen vs. the Franco-Texas Land Company was today compromised and dismissed from the Federal court docket. This suit was instituted some time ago, account of which was given at the time in THE GAZETTE. The nature of the compromise is not known.

WHAT ARE WE HERE FOR?
Hon. Webster Planagan speaks in this city to-night on the political issues of the state.

PULLED THE BELL CORD.
N. J. Trammell was today arrested by Deputies Yokum and Waits near Mexcala for pulling the bell cord on a Texas and Pacific train, thereby delaying the United States mail. Trammell waived examination until the 20th inst. and gave bond.

SAXET IS A SURE CURE for blood diseases and is pleasant to take.

For Sale.
A lot 100x115, southeast corner, with good two-story, seven-room and bath-room house on it. A bargain. See Mr. W. L. Ligon, 612 Main street.

Johnson County Raised the Big Melon.
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CLUBBING, TEX., Sept. 17.—Charles Stevens, an employee at the depot, while loading horses at the stockyards this afternoon, was kicked in the breast and was unconscious for some time. Dr. Alexander was called and brought him around. He was resting quietly at the last reports.

Frank Voigt, living a short distance south of Cleburne in Johnson county, was the man who raised the mammoth 100 pound melon that was shipped some time since from Fort Worth to President Harrison.

The man Fields, who had his foot mangled in the Territory yesterday by a drawhead, was brought to Cleburne this evening. The doctor says he will lose a small portion of his foot.

Bargains in Texas Lands.
We offer the following unimproved Texas lands at one-half their actual value:

640 acres in Crosby county at \$1.35 per acre.
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4800 acres in Pecos county at 80 cents per acre.
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32,736 acres in Pecos county at 60 cents per acre.
These are all good smooth plains lands, well adapted to either grazing or agricultural purposes.

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Adjusting Insurance.
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BELTON, TEX., Sept. 17.—Adjusters for the following insurance companies were here yesterday, adjusting the loss on the Ben D. Lee & Co. roller mills, burned on the 7th inst.: J. Z. Miller, Jr., local agent of the Royal, North British and Mercantile, Michigan, Commercial of California, Western Assurance of Toronto. Total amount, \$11,000.

The loss being total, every dollar was paid. In J. L. Lee agency the Home of New York is the only company so far that has adjusted. Its losses were \$1500, which was paid. Eight thousand and five hundred dollars yet remain to be adjusted.

The finest stock of Hair Brushes, Tooth Brushes and Toilet Articles in Fort Worth at Howe & Barrows', 512 Main street.

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